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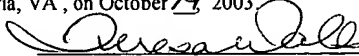
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time. This is in response to the Office Action, mailed June 6, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner amend the application as follows: